

Kansas SRS Implementation of the Safety Intervention System

Information for Reporters of Child Abuse and Neglect:

In consultation with the National Resource Center for Child Protective Services, SRS Children and Family Services is implementing a Safety Intervention System. Collection information standards have been developed to focus on safety.

What does this mean for persons reporting concerns of child abuse and neglect?

Additional questions will be asked during intake interviews.

What is the purpose?

- The purpose of asking additional questions is to gather important information about families in Six Domains of Family Life for Safety Assessment:
 - Extent of situation
 - Circumstances/conditions surrounding the situation
 - Child functioning
 - Discipline approaches and typical context
 - General Parenting Practices
 - Caregiver functioning
- The gathering of information will begin when the agency receives the report, and will continue throughout any additional contacts regarding a family.
- The information gathered in these domains will provide pertinent and sufficient information to address safety throughout the life of the case.

What is the benefit of implementing the Safety Intervention System?

• SRS will have a comprehensive understanding of the family's functioning, resulting in an enhanced ability to complete comprehensive risk and safety assessments, and safety decisions for children and families.

If you suspect a child is being abused or neglected in Kansas, please contact the Kansas Protection Report Center (PRC) at:

1-800-922-5330

Further information about SRS Children and Family Services is available at: http://www.srskansas.org/CFS/